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With The CIA It's C.O.D.

SECURITY, naturally, is the concern of the Central Intelligence Agency. But Sen. Frank Church, the Idaho Democrat, is wondering just what kind of security CIA is most interested in.

He ran across some information the other day which he considered of prime importance to national safety. He dashed off a note to CIA Director John McCone, marked personal and urgent, and dispatched it by a Senate riding page.

Sen. Church even took the precaution of telephoning ahead that the vital document was on the way.

What happened? The page was collared by the CIA security guards, questioned for 3½ hours and turned away. The message to McCone hasn't got through yet.

There is suspicion in some quarters that this is no isolated case — that other vital information, particularly in regard to Communist Cuba, doesn't penetrate the inner CIA bastion.

True or false, Sen. Church still can't figure out what to do with his confidential information.

"Maybe I could telephone the President," he mused.

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